

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/_____, 09/497,802, filed on [_____] February 4, 2004, to Ferrucci et al., entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERACTIVE DOCUMENT CONFIGURATION" having IBM Docket No. YO999-167, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/_____, 09/498,000, filed on [_____] February 4, 2004, to Ferrucci et al., entitled "METHOD AND VISUAL APPARATUS FOR PRESENTING AND NAVIGATING A VARIABLE OBJECT MODEL", having IBM Docket No. YO999-200, and to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/_____, 09/497,000 filed on [_____] February 4, 2004, to Ferrucci et al., entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DOCUMENT COMPONENT IMPORTATION AND RECONCILIATION" having IBM Docket No. YO999-202, each in their entirety incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

With the unique and unobvious features of the invention, the present invention includes a way to represent the domain ~~concepts~~ components independently of the ~~artifact~~ document components and to link them together in the development tools to better support the creative human task. In addition to representing document components, the invention represents domain components.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

As mentioned above, the present invention dynamically binds ~~variable elements of a~~ document component variables (~~model~~) to elements of a domain model during document configuration through an object model access expression. This ~~independence~~ independent and flexible, "loose coupling" of document and domain knowledge allow distinct domain models to be developed independently of any particular document. It is noted that for purposes of the present application, "loose coupling" means that domain model stands independently from the

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document and can be freely used to build templates for other documents. There is no "tight coupling". Thus, there is not a one-to-one correspondence between the number of documents and the number of domain models.

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Thus, this aspect of the present invention is directed to a programmed product, comprising signal-bearing media tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital data processor incorporating the CPU 111 and hardware above, to loosely coupled the document knowledge and ~~document~~ domain knowledge.